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AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 1998 APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 1998 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS
THAT WOULD PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REVITALIZATION AND SELF-GOV-
ERNMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1997, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C.
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 14, 1997.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I ask the Congress to consider amendments to FY 1998 appropriations requests that would provide resources for the implementation of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997.

The Act authorizes, and I am now requesting funding for: the assumption by the Federal Government of the financial and administrative responsibility for the District of Columbia's adult felony offenders; the Federal Government's assumption of responsibility for the funding of the District Court System; a Federal contribution towards the operating costs of the government of the District of Columbia and, at the option of the District of Columbia, to pay the costs of financing the District of Columbia's accumulated deficits. The Act also eliminates the Federal payment to the District of Columbia and the contribution for the District's retirement systems.

The details of these actions are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

August 14, 1997

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests for FY 1998 budget amendments that provide appropriations to revitalize Washington, D.C., the Nation's Capital, and to improve the prospects for home rule. These amendments, totaling \$777 million, are needed to implement the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997. The budget had included \$770 million for these purposes to be allocated at a later date based on enactment of the revitalization plan.

We estimate that these amendments in combination with mandatory provisions in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 would result in additional resources to the District of Columbia of approximately \$200 million.

As described in the enclosures, the proposed amendments would make the following changes to the pending FY 1998 requests:

District of Columbia

- Provide \$160 million as a contribution from the Federal Government towards the operating costs of the government of the Nation's Capital. A portion of these funds may be used by the District of Columbia to pay to the Treasury Department the costs of advances to the District of Columbia to finance its accumulated deficit.
- Provide \$169 million for payment to the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee for the operation of D.C. correctional facilities and \$302 million for the construction, renovation, and repair of correctional facilities related to the transfer of the District's adult felons to the Federal Prison System. These funds will be used during the transition period while the District is housing adult felons who will eventually be transferred to the Federal Government.
- Delete the \$660 million Federal payment for the District of Columbia requested in the FY 1998 Budget. The savings will be used to offset the costs of amendments included in this transmittal.

- Delete the \$52 million Federal contribution to certain District of Columbia retirement funds. The savings will be used to offset the costs of amendments included in this transmittal.
- Provide \$123 million for the operation of the District of Columbia Superior Court, Court of Appeals, and the District of Columbia Court System.
- Provide \$23 million for the operation of offender services in the District of Columbia, including pretrial, parole board, and public defender services.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that the proposals be transmitted to the Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Franklin D. Raines', with a checkmark to the left.

Franklin D. Raines
Director

Enclosures

Agency: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Heading Federal Contribution to the Operations of the Nation's Capital

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FY 1998
Pending Request: ---

Proposed Amendment: \$160,000,000

Revised Request: \$160,000,000

(Insert the above new heading and the appropriations language that follows immediately preceding the material under the heading, "Loans to the District of Columbia for Capital Projects":)

For a Federal contribution to the District of Columbia towards the costs of the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, \$160,000,000: Provided, That these funds may be used by the District of Columbia for the costs of advances to the District government as authorized by section 11402 of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997.

The National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 authorizes a special Federal contribution to the District of Columbia in 1998 of up to \$190 million. The contribution is authorized to offset a portion of the costs of the operation of the government of the Nation's Capital. It also may be used by the District of Columbia to pay for the costs of up to \$300 million in intermediate term debt to finance its accumulated deficit.

Agency: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Heading: Payment to the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee,
Operations

FY 1998 Budget
Appendix Page: 1026

FY 1998
Pending Request ---

Proposed Amendment: \$169,000,000

Revised Request: \$169,000,000

(Insert the above new heading and the appropriations language that follows immediately after the material under the new heading, proposed in an accompanying budget amendment, "Federal Contribution to Operation of the Nation's Capital":)

For payment to the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee for the administration and operation of correctional facilities, \$169,000,000, as authorized by the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997.

This proposal would allow payment to the District of Columbia Trustee for Correctional Facilities for the operation of District of Columbia correctional facilities for sentenced adult felons.

Agency: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Heading: Payment to the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee for Correctional Facilities, Construction and Repair

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FY 1998 Pending Request: ---

Proposed Amendment: \$302,000,000

Revised Request: \$302,000,000

(Insert the above new heading and the appropriations language that follows immediately after the material under the new heading, proposed in an accompanying budget amendment, "Payment to the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee, Operations":)

For payment to the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee for Correctional Facilities, \$302,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which not less than \$294,900,000 is available for transfer to the Federal Prison System, as authorized by section 11202 of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997.

This proposal would allow payment to the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee for Correctional Facilities for the construction, renovation, and repair of correctional facilities related to the transfer of District of Columbia adult felons to the Federal Prison System, and for the short-term improvements at the Lorton Correctional Complex as necessary to ensure the security of staff, inmates, and the community.

Agency: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Heading: Federal Payment to the District of Columbia
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FY 1998
Pending Request: \$660,000,000
Proposed Amendment: -\$660,000,000
Revised Request: ---

(Delete the appropriations language under the above heading.)

The National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 repealed sections 501-503 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (sec. 47-3406, 3406.1 DC Code), which is the authority to appropriate a Federal payment for the District of Columbia.

The savings from the deletion of the appropriated Federal Payment would be used to offset the costs of other provisions in the Revitalization Act.

Agency: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Heading: Federal Contribution to Retirement Funds
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FY 1998
Pending Request: \$52,070,000
Proposed Amendment: -\$52,070,000
Revised Request: ---

(Delete the appropriations language under the above heading.)

The National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 repealed Section 144 of the District of Columbia Retirement Reform Act of 1979 (P.L. 96-122), which is the authority to provide an annual Federal payment of \$52,070,000 to certain District of Columbia retirement funds through FY 2004.

The savings from this proposal would be used to offset the costs of other provisions in the Revitalization Act.

Agency: STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Heading: District of Columbia Courts

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FY 1998
Pending Request: ---

Proposed Amendment: \$123,000,000

Revised Request: \$123,000,000

(Insert the above new heading and the appropriations language that follows immediately after the material under the heading, "Salaries and Expenses":)

For operation of the District of Columbia Courts, \$123,000,000, of which not to exceed \$2,000,000 is for the establishment and operations of the District of Columbia Truth in Sentencing Commission, as authorized by the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997.

This amendment would provide funding, through the State Justice Institute, for operation of the District of Columbia Courts, including the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, the District of Columbia Superior Court, and the District of Columbia Court System. Funds made available under this appropriation are not subject to review by, nor administered by the State Justice Institute.

Agency: STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Heading: Payment to the Pretrial Services, Defense Services,
Parole, Adult Probation, and Offender Supervision
Trustee for the District of Columbia

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FY 1998
Pending Request: ---

Proposed Amendment: \$23,000,000

Revised Request: \$23,000,000

(Insert the above new heading and the appropriations language that follows immediately after the material under the heading, proposed in an accompanying budget amendment, "District of Columbia Courts":)

For payment to the District of Columbia for the Pretrial Services, Defense Services, Parole, Adult Probation, and Offender Supervision Trustee, as authorized by the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, \$23,000,000, of which not to exceed \$800,000 shall be transferred to the United States Parole Commission to implement section 11231 of the Act: Provided, That funds made available for adult probation activities under the heading, "District of Columbia Courts," may be transferred to and merged with this appropriation.

This amendment would provide payment to the District of Columbia Trustee for Offender Services for the operation of offender services including Pretrial, Parole Board, and Public Defender Services. Funds made available under this appropriation are not subject to review by or administered by the State Justice Institute.